

Fox Class

Welcome to Fox Class!!

Our learning theme for this half term is...

“What did the Romans do for us?”

Our focus will be on the impact of the roman Invasion and colonisation of England. Many of our subjects will be accessed through this theme. Some subjects, such as maths, will continue to be taught separately.

We have had a great start to the term and I am sure that this will continue.

Links to Prior Learning

As we study our theme this term we will be using our previous knowledge of timelines to gain an understanding of when the Roman era happened in relation to historical events we have learned about.

Some of the children have prior knowledge of the ancient civilisations so we will hopefully be able to go into much more detail with this as we learn about the Roman conquest of England.

Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books daily if needed.

PE will be on Thursdays when we have a gymnastics coach coming in. This will start next week so please make sure you send your child to school in their PE kit.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

In English, Fox class will be recapping our spelling and grammar knowledge before moving on to work with a range of fiction and non-fiction books about the Romans.

Our writing focus will be on diary writing and non-chronological reports. Children will have the option to read a range of Roman themed literature from our reading chest. We will also be reading Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, Young Slave as our class book.

Spellings will be rehearsing all the year 1 and 2 common exception words to ensure they are secure.

In Maths, the focus for the first few weeks will be place value of number, leading on to addition and subtraction. We will be recapping previous learning and working on our basic calculation skills before building upon these later in the term.

In year 4 there is a greater emphasis on learning the times tables. We will be using Times Tables Rockstars in school and your child has a login to use at home as well.



In History, we will be studying changes in Roman conquest of England, and how we know what life was like back then.

In Science, our focus will be on teeth and the digestive system. This will involve investigating why different animals have different teeth.

Our focus in Art will be mosaics. We will explore this through designing and creating our own Roman inspired Piece.

On Wednesday mornings Mrs Slingsby will be in class to teach RE and Music. She will also spend time each week working on PHSE with the class.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. As the children progress we encourage independent reading as well, but please try to discuss the story with them to aid their understanding of the text.

Your child has access to TT Rockstars and Purple Mash at home. There is a huge range of activities available on there that you can use at home. I suggest that you login together to explore it with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and speak with me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Weller

Dates for your diary:

Meet the teacher session – **Monday 11th - Thursday 14th Sept 3.30-4pm**

End of half term – **Friday 20th Oct**